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## 11 CAPITAL DISTRICT RESIDENTS COMPLETE CAP'S SQUADRON LEADERSHIP SCHOOL

Eleven men and women from across the Capital District graduated from Civil Air Patrol Squadron Leadership School held recently at the Empire State Aerosciences Museum at Schenectady County Airport.

Officiating at the graduation was Col. Austyn W. Granville Jr., New York Wing commander for the Civil Air Patrol (CAP). He congratulated the graduates, telling them that they "are well-poised and positioned for success in CAP."

Noting that this was the third Squadron Leadership School held in the New York Wing, with "over 100 students" completing the course to date, Colonel Granville emphasized the need for well-trained volunteers in CAP's evolving Homeland Security role as "the eyes of the home skies." That's in addition, he said, to CAP's three-fold mission to provide search-and-rescue services, promote aerospace education, and mentor America's youth through cadet programs.

The wing's Mid Eastern Group, commanded by Capt. Timothy Holteen, hosted the school. Instructors came from Group, Wing and Northeast Region staffs, under the direction of school director Capt. Daniel Stouch and assistant directors Lt. Col. Anita Martin and Maj. Marylou Falco.

The graduates are:

- Capt. Jerry Broman of Delmar, with Vedder Composite Squadron, Albany.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Adam Candib of Latham, Vedder Composite Squadron.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Jerrie Cummings of Ballston Spa, with Kaydeross Composite Squadron, Ballston Spa.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Deborah Docherty of Ballston Spa, with Kaydeross Composite Squadron.
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- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Juan Duran of New Baltimore, Vedder Composite Squadron.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Denise King of Sand Lake, Vedder Composite Squadron.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Linda Sheridan of Menands, Albany Senior Squadron.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Sherle Slingerland of Pomona, Vedder Composite Squadron.
- Senior Member Ronald Webb of Loudonville, Vedder Composite Squadron.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Marty Whited of Troy, Vedder Composite Squadron.
- Senior Member Warren Wildy of Saratoga Springs, Kaydeross Composite Squadron.

The Civil Air Patrol, the official Air Force Auxiliary, is a nonprofit organization chartered by Congress. It performs 95% of inland search-and-rescue missions in the continental United States tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, VA. CAP is often called upon during natural and other disasters such as the attack on the World Trade Center, floods, storms, and forest fires. Volunteers also take a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to America's youth through CAP cadet programs.

Even though the U.S. Air Force now has placed CAP under its Homeland Security directorate, homeland defense is not a new role for CAP volunteers. CAP flew over 87,000 anti-submarine and border patrol sorties during the Second World War, earning its members the nickname, "The Flying Minutemen". CAP aircraft and crews across the state routinely respond to search-and-rescue and disaster relief needs. The New York Wing has a fleet of 17 planes and is composed of nine Groups that oversee 58 squadrons.

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